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Dear Congressman:

Today, the U.S. House of Representatives will be considering two ideas which would protect millions of Americans now forced to purchase health insurance in Obamacare exchanges. The policy ideas behind these initiatives are not only positive—they are things which the American people should expect their government to be doing as a matter of course.

The first measure would require the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to report within two business days to any American if their personal information has been stolen or unlawfully accessed through an Obamacare exchange. This protection is needed in part because HHS failed to perform a full security control assessment before Healthcare.gov went live on October 1, 2013. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Service's Chief Information Security Officer, Teresa Fryer, stated in a draft memo that the federal exchange "does not reasonably meet ... security requirements" and that "there is also no confidence that Personal Identifiable Information (PII) will be protected." There have also been similar concerns raised about many of Obamacare's state exchanges.

The second measure requires the HHS secretary to provide detailed weekly reports to the American people about the enrollment success of Healthcare.gov. The Obama Administration has consistently refused to disclose robust data on how many Americans have actually completed the Obamacare enrollment process, all the way up to being a paying health insurance customer. More than three months after the launch of the exchanges, we simply do not know how many Americans are enrolled in an exchange plan or whether young Americans are participating. The failure to disclose these key metrics is stunning given that the administration initially defined success as the number of Americans enrolling in the program and whether the "risk pool" is properly balanced between younger and older Americans. Simply put, this data is a necessary component to evaluating in real time whether or not Obamacare is working.

Most Americans would be shocked to learn that this level of protection and transparency is not already happening in a project the size and scope of Obamacare. It is our hope that House efforts today will correct this injustice.

Sincerely,

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